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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
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9 Kenneth W. Taylor,) No. CIV 09-1203-PHX-PGR (DKD)
10 Plaintiff,)
11 vs.) **ORDER**
12 Joseph M. Arpaio,)
13 Defendant.)
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15 This matter arises on Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Legal Counsel (Doc. 22).
16 Plaintiff requests that the court appoint counsel because the issues in this matter are complex.

17 There is no constitutional right to appointment of counsel in a civil case. *See Johnson*
18 *v. Dep't of Treasury*, 939 F.2d 820, 824 (9th Cir. 1991). Appointment of counsel in a civil rights
19 case is required only when exceptional circumstances are present. *Terrell v. Brewer*, 935 F.2d
20 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991) (citing *Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986)).
21 In determining whether to appoint counsel, the court should consider the likelihood of success
22 on the merits, and the ability of plaintiff to articulate his claims in view of their complexity.
23 *Wood v. Housewright*, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335 (9th Cir. 1990).

24 Plaintiff has not demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits, nor has he shown
25 that he is experiencing difficulty in litigating this case because of the complexity of the issues
26 involved. Moreover, Plaintiff's numerous filings with the Court as well as the pending motion,
27 indicate that Plaintiff is capable of presenting legal and factual arguments to the Court. After
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1 reviewing the file, the Court determines that this case does not present exceptional
2 circumstances requiring the appointment of counsel.

3 Accordingly,

4 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Legal Counsel
5 (Doc. 22) is **DENIED** without prejudice.

6 DATED this 12th day of October, 2010.

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10 David K. Duncan
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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